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### REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are all the claims presently pending in the application. New claim 30 has been added to more completely define the invention and is patentable for all of the reasons discussed, with regard to independent claims 1, 28, and 29, in the January 5, 2005, Amendment. An Excess Claim Fee Payment letter is attached hereto for one (1) excess independent claim and one (1) excess total claim.

It is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are patentable over the prior art of record.

### **III. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-30, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

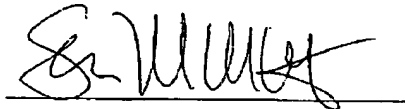
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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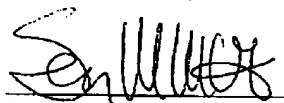


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**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Elias Desta, Group Art Unit 2857 at fax number (703) 872-9306 this 15th day of April, 2005.



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